(d) the details of tourist places proposed to be developed with the Central assistance or with the private funding in Gujarat;

(e) the approximate time by which projects will be started/ completed; and

(f) the project-wise cost involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and' (b) The Government of India has accorded Export House Status to Tourism. The tourism units which are entitled for recognition as Export House/ Trading House/Star Trading House/Super Star Trading House are entitled to such benefits as specified in the Chapter 12 of Hand book of Procedure (Vol-I) of Union Ministry of Commerce.

(c) to (f) The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Union Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the States for development of tourism infrastructure facilities based on the specific proposals received from the State Governments seeking assistance.

Promotion of Tourism in North-Eastern Region

202. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a scheme for promoting tourism in the North-East;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely impact of such scheme on the economy of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism has a scheme for grant of financial assistance to all the States including those of North-Eastern Region for creation and augmentation of tourist infrastructural facilities, and for celebration of certain identified fairs and festivals. 10% of the budget allocation of the Ministry of Tourism is earmarked for North-East Development of Tourism improves the economy of the region by way of employment and income generation.